



EASTERN AREA COORDINATING GROUP

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Subject: 2017 Eastern Area Interagency Priority Trainee Mobilization Program

To: Eastern Area Interagency Wildland Fire Community

The Eastern Area Coordinating Group (EACG) invites Eastern Area agencies to submit nominations for the 2017 Eastern Area Priority Trainee Mobilization Program. The following information provides guidelines for determining the applicability of this program to prospective applicants.

The Priority Trainee (PT) Program has an extensive history, within the Eastern Area, as a viable process to find training opportunities for our interagency candidates. Hundreds of individuals have become fully qualified resources because of the PT program. To further enhance the PT Program, the EACG has approved guidelines. These guidelines can be found by accessing the below link:

http://www.nationalfiretraining.net/uploads/groups/EasternArea/Assets/EA_Priority_Trainee_Mobilization_Program.pdf

The PT List is **not meant** to capture everyone, who has an open Position Task Book (PTB). Rather, it is meant to capture those individuals, who meet one of the five criteria:

- Job Requirement
- IMT Trainee Positions
- Type 3 Organizational Shortage
- Future Advancement
- National Academy Trainees (such as ATGS)

These are true priorities needing on-the-job training. The Eastern Area has many individuals in one or more of these circumstances, who need an assignment to complete their PTB to become fully qualified.

Nomination Process

Individuals wishing to participate in PT Program should submit the [2017 Priority Trainee Mobilization Program Nomination Form](#) along with a copy of their IQS/IQCS Master Record through agency accepted channels to their Home Unit. The Home Units will prioritize each PT nomination by position and submit the nominations to their respective Eastern Area Training Working Team Representatives ([EATWT](#)).

All nominations must be received by EATWT by the close of business on **Friday, January 13, 2017**.

The EATWT will develop the final interagency list at the EACG/Joint Working Team meeting in February. This final Priority Trainee List will be submitted to the Eastern Area Coordination Center (EACC) for posting to the Eastern Area Coordination Center's website by Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

http://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/management_admin/training/training.htm

For additional information please contact your [EATWT Representative](#) or the Eastern Area's Geographic Area Training Representative (GATR), Matt Dillon by e-mail matthewdillon@fs.fed.us or by phone at (610) 557-4143.

Respectfully,

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